Please revise the claims to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) An open gel delivery system in which an essentially a constant release rate of active volatiles from the overall delivery system results from producing the gel system so as to provide that:

 $b_i^o>1.2c_i^o$,

 $a_i^{\circ}>1.6c_i^{\circ}$,

the value of $\alpha_1 > 2.5$,

where, $\alpha_1 = (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2)(\alpha_3)$, wherein

 α_1 = a_i°/b_i° , α_2 = b_i°/c_i° , and α_3 = a_i°/c_i°

and the value of $\beta_F/\alpha_1 > 3$,

where $\beta_F = (\beta_1)(\beta_2)(\beta_3)$, wherein

 $\beta_1 = a_F^{\circ}/b_F^{\circ}$, $\beta_2 = b_F^{\circ}/c_F^{\circ}$, and $\beta_3 = a_F^{\circ}/c_F^{\circ}$,

wherein

 $a_i{}^{\circ}$ is the largest value of x, y, or z at the initial condition,

 $c_{i}{}^{\circ}$ is the smallest value of x, y, or z at the initial condition.

 $b_1 \ensuremath{^\circ}$ is the remaining value of x, y, or z at the initial condition,

 $a_F{}^{\circ}$ is the largest value of x, y, or z at the final condition,

 $c_{\text{F}}{}^{\text{o}}$ is the smallest value of x, y, or z at the final condition, and

 $b_{\text{F}}{}^{\text{o}}$ is the remaining value of x, y, or z at the final condition,

wherein initial condition and final condition refer to different dimensions of the gel system prior to volatilization, and after volatilization, respectively, and

x = the dimension measured in the x direction of the projection of the gel system in the x-z plane;

y = the dimension measured in the y direction of the projection of the gel system in the x-y plane; and

- z = the dimension measured in the z direction of the projection of the gel system in the x-z plane.
- 2. (original) The open gel delivery system of claim 1, wherein said active volatiles are selected from the group consisting of materials employed for air freshening, insect control, and odor abatement.
- 3. (original) The open gel delivery system of claim 1, wherein said active volatile is a fragrance.